

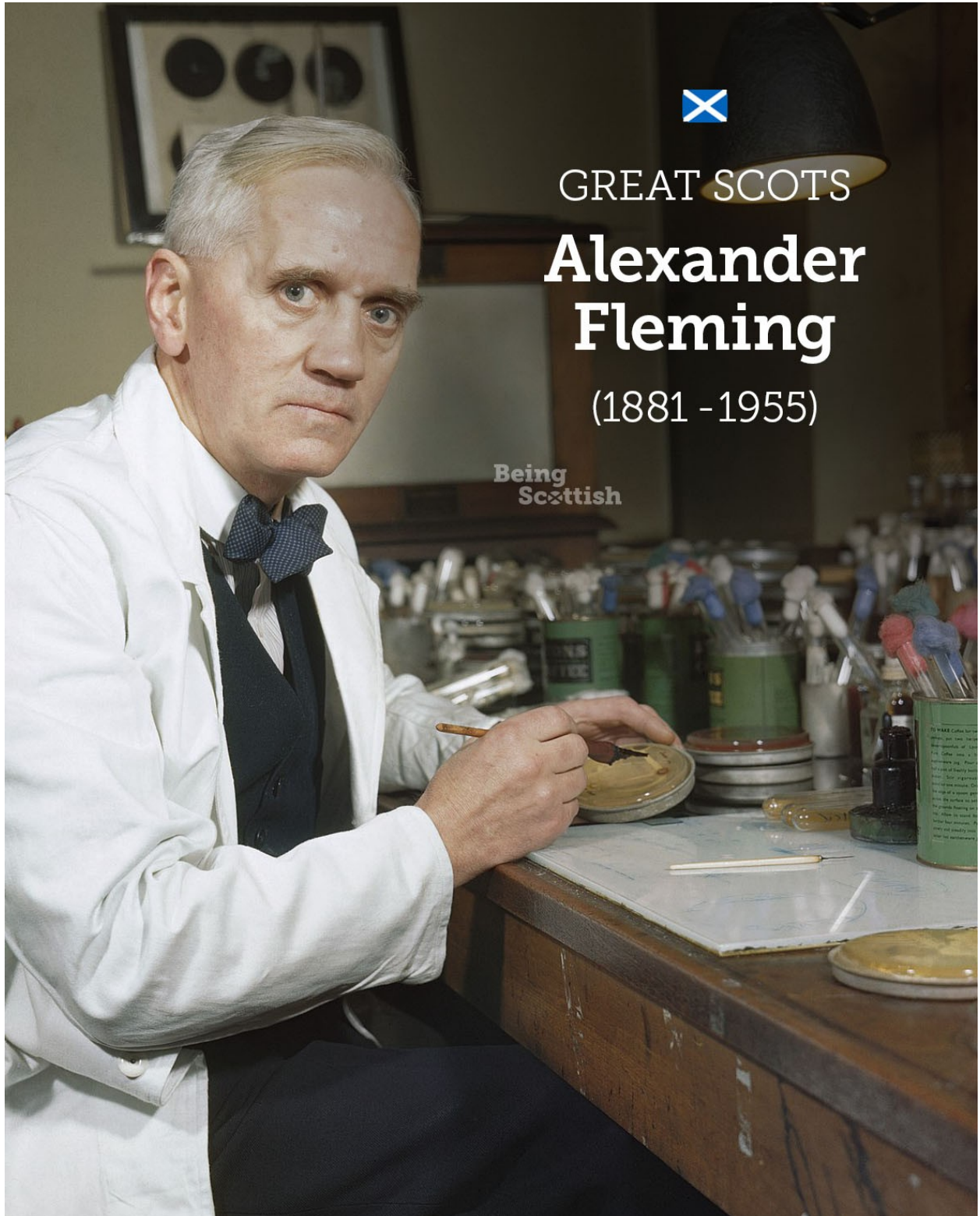


GREAT SCOTS

Alexander Fleming

(1881 - 1955)

Being
Scottish



On this day in 1928: Scottish scientist Alexander Fleming returned from holiday to find that a fungus had killed some bacteria on his manky dishes. He had actually just discovered the world's first antibiotic, which he named Penicillin - it developed into a life-saving drug.

Carolyn Clapham

This discovery was made in his lab at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington , London (where I trained as a nurse and my daughter was born).

Archie Forrest

He didn't do any of the further research or clinical trials or production of penicillin- that was left to others who were also heroes but don't always get the credit!

Iolo Ap Gwynn

This effect of the fungus had been known on Welsh dairy farms long before the days of Fleming. Dairy maids used to put scrapings of butter from the inside of the churn on the dairy wall and let the green fungus grow on it. When there was an injury they would take the "menyn gwyrdd" (green butter) and spread it over the injured area of skin to prevent infection. Of course, it worked! Folk medicine does work. Sometimes.

Alan Cameron

The discovery of penicillin was by Howard Walter Florey from Adelaide / Australia and Fleming just led the team



Trish Ho

Had an English tour guide try & tell the group, Penicillin was invented by the English, I wasn't putting up with that crap so I yelled from the back of the bus "No it wasn't it was Alexander Fleming , a Scotsman " he said to me " Well he had to come to England to invent it" 🤔 & into the bargain he sarcastically said , why don't I take the tour ! Needless to say I reported him , he had to ring me while I was catching up with cousins in Scotland with a groveling apology plus we got our money back! Boom 💥 Don't piss a Scottish Aussie off or we'll come for ya ! 🤣

Hayley North

The actual historical fact is that, Fleming wrote a paper on the act of bacteria that had accidentally populated 1 of your culture dishes while on holiday, due to a lab assistant leaving a window open, and things flying in. This bacteria he observed k...

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Frances Summers

Let's not forget Ernst Chain and Howard Florey:

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Dianne Alexander

I am told the fungus was already known about. It was the realisation of what it could do that changed the world.

Bill Bryden

Hi Sir Alexander Fleming was born and went to school in my town, Darvel, South West Scotland .Penicillin, was developed and has saved millions of lives.

Gary Wallace

Scots have invented a large amount of the major inventions over the years and yet unionists say we're too small and stupid to be independent.

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Mike Pringle

Paola van Vugt

Derek Bowes One of the most important inventors in history. Without him, many people would not have survived their illness.

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Carolyn Wright

When I was young there was a street called after him in Kilbirnie Alexander Fleming avenue

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Sarah Whitlow

My grandpa! Never met him, but so proud to have been born a Fleming and his legacy. He predicted antimicrobial resistance if we used overused Penicillin. I'm sad that this second legacy is now a tragic fact. Antibiotic resistance uk, a brilliant charit...

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Stephen Brown

Wonderful discovery by this talented Scotsman and his colleagues at St Mary's in London. He always said apparently that he was not the only one working on it.

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Paul Davies

If you read the history Fleming wasn't actually that "Great"!

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Max Morozov

Finnish scientists returned from winter holiday to find that they had forgotten to close a window in their lab. That's how superconductivity was discovered.

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